

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Claims 16 and 17 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 13 is amended taking into consideration the Examiner comments. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Miyashita (U.S. Pub. No. 2001-014876).

IN THE DRAWINGS

Figures 10 and 11 are amended to include the legend --Prior Art--.

One Drawing Replacement Sheet for FIG. 7, including an Annotated Sheet thereof, is submitted herein to correct a typographical error, namely changing the phrase "closet advertisement tenant" to "~~elose~~eloset advertisement tenant." For example, page 13, lines 27-32 and page 14, lines 11-25 support the correction.

Entry and approval of the Drawing Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of the drawing objections is requested.

PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Miyashita (U.S. Pub. No. 2001-014876). However, Miyashita (US Publication no. 2001-014876) is not a valid prior art against the above-identified application, because the effective filing date of the present Application of December 15, 2000 is before the effective US filing date of Miyashita of February 9, 2001. Further, regarding Miyashita's foreign filing date, please see *In re Hilmer* doctrine, 359 F.2d 859, 149 USPQ 480 (CCPA 1966) - MPEP 2163.03.

Further, Miyashita does not qualify as prior art under 35 USC 102(a), because nothing has been cited that Miyashita was patented or published before the filing date of the present application of December 15, 2000. For example, Japanese priority application no. 2000-38864 of Miyashita was published on August 24, 2001 as publication no. 2001-229283, which is after

the effective filing date of December 15, 2000 of the present application.

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
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